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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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A MESSAGE FROM KOREA

DEAR EDITOR: The Christmas verse on the December cover of the JOURNAL is beautiful! Please, by all means, have Miss Scovil's and Miss Pelton's departments kept up. Every page of the JOURNAL is interesting. Our Korean nurses are in their new home for which we are most grateful.

Seoul.

E. L. S.

BATHING OF THE NEW BORN

I

DEAR EDITOR: As I have seen no reply to R. E. N.'s question in the February JOURNAL, regarding the daily bath of the newborn, I should like to say that my practice has been to place the baby from the very first in as large a bowl as I could procure. I do not remember that I have had an infected cord or a sore eye in any of 130 recorded cases. Where the doctor has ordered it particularly, of course I have delayed that first bath twenty-four hours. No baby so early treated is ever afraid of water.

New Jersey.

"1890"

II

DEAR EDITOR: Daily complete immersion is the routine practice in England; daily sponging till the cord is off, our usual practice in the eastern United States. The English claim a cleaner cord or umbilicus with fewer cases of tetanus, while less danger of infection is the argument for sponging. In my experience, either is good. "You pays your money and you takes your choice." In regard to the question of adjustment of charges, in the March issue, I fully agree with your comment on R. N.'s letter, but alas! I have always found it very easy to reduce charges but quite impossible to raise them over the generally-accepted local rates. I think R. N. should have had a definite understanding with her prospective patient in regard to charges when making her engagement. Thus all later unpleasantness would have been avoided. I sincerely hope the new departments are to be permanent.

Massachusetts.

L. H.

WHAT WILL THE NURSE DO AFTER GRADUATION?

DEAR EDITOR: "What am I going to do after I graduate?" is the question that most nurses ask themselves. The private duty field, whether overcrowded or not overcrowded, certainly has a very large number of the type of women absolutely unfitted for that work, but who might be well fitted for some other field of nursing if they could only find the place where they belong. It is the duty of every training school to counsel, advise and direct the student along these lines. Little is said about the different personalities and qualifications necessary